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Sir:

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U.S. Patent No. 5,105,629;

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. HEI 1-300169, together with an English language abstract of the same;

European Patent Publication No. EP 0 715 132, together with patent family members U.S. Patent No. 5,673,570 and U.S. Patent No. 5,685,168; U.S. Patent No. 4,644,756;

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. HEI 11-108507, together with an English language abstract of the same;

European Patent Publication No. EP 0 473 286, together with patent family member U.S. Patent No. 5,211,023;

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. HEI 10-281597, together with an English language abstract of the same; and

U.S. Patent No. 4,646,537.

The category of relevance, pertinent portions, and claims to which each document is relevant, as ascertained by the European Examiner are set forth in the European Search Report.

Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patents are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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